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ALL HAIL HAIG!

The German war lords, with all their swash-buckling, cannot blind themselves to the fact that their fighting force has finally met its masters. As a Washington paper says, "The British army has obtained a grip upon one of Germany's strong tendons. The bulldog's jaws are locked. The mere passage of time now means the withdrawal or surrender of Crown Prince Rupprecht. As his position weakens in the bulldog's jaw he will squirm and twist, and as he squirms his strength will diminish faster than it would if he should lie still and wait for death. Since the end is inevitable, it matters little whether the German commander retreats now or surrenders later. The danger that promises to thrust itself before Rupprecht's attention is that he must withdraw, in spite of possible overtures from Germany and in spite of the possible breakdown of the submarine campaign. Conditions are ripe for disaster—for wholesale surrenders, for headlong flight, for mutiny against deadly orders. The German forces need an opportunity to breathe and pull themselves together. They are apt to make fatal blunders if pressed further."

Dispatches from the Western battle front show that British arms have achieved one of the greatest victories of the war, and when the whole story of this battle has been told it may take its place as an unequalled triumph of three years of conflict.

The scenes have been fearful. A solid wall of breaking shells plowed through the German ranks in a hurricane of death and they lie in countless thousands amid the devastation that the barrage left in its wake. Part of these ill-fated troops were the famous guardsmen in whom the German Emperor had taken such pride in the days gone by. But these massed troops were not the only ones to suffer, for reports from prisoners all along the line indicate that the Germans lost heavily throughout the territory involved.

At many places Germans ran in terror or were captured in large numbers as the British attack began. All day streams of broken prisoners have been pouring into the British cages in the rear. Perhaps half of them were wounded. Some were blinded and some were with shattered limbs, a pitiful sight even to those hardened to such scenes.

Taking the battle as a whole, the Germans offered weak resistance to the British advance.

AUSTRIAN IMPUDENCE.

The impudence of Count Czernin the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, is diverting observers a contemporary which says the chief, or at least the immediate, culprit in this war was not able even to conquer Serbia, or drive out Serbian invaders, without German assistance. It could not hold the boundaries of Hungary against the Russians so long as the latter were supplied with ammunition. It is unable to hold back the Italian invaders who are boring their way far into Austria and will soon overcome the last serious obstacle between them and Trieste. Under these cheerful conditions Count Czernin tells the allies that they can have peace on easy terms now if they ask for it, but if the goods are not taken at once the price will be marked up; the allies will have to pay a big indemnity to get peace if they do not improve this bargain opportunity.

When a man offers a piece of property cheap if taken at once it is a safe guess that if it is not taken at once he will be even more anxious to sell than now. The longer it remains unsold the more eager he will be to get rid of it.

The recent speeches of Chancellor Michaelis and Foreign Secretary Knochenhauer have made the Austrians and Hungarian newspapers furious. The Vienna Zeit declares that the interests of Germany are

not those of Austria. The Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung says: "It looks just as if all this peace talk were nothing whatever but a convenient alibi intended to appease popular opinion and pacify the Socialists."

The allies need make no concessions. Austria is on the verge of ruin, militarily, commercially and financially. Germany is not in so bad a state, but it is pretty desperate. It has been outmanned and out-gunned for fifteen months.

LIFELESS CAMPAIGN

The Gazette yesterday urged all suffragans to register and vote at the coming election, and attempted to arouse from lethargy democrats of this and other cities in the commonwealth. Those having the interests of the party at heart would regret to see any material falling off in the vote next month. We have passed through an exciting campaign in which there was a fight in the party, but, like good democrats, all should rally to the support of the man who has been declared the choice of the organization for Governor of the state.

The Richmond Journal in this connection directs attention to the fact that only thirty days remain before the November election, and so far only two or three speeches—and these by Westmoreland Davis—have been made in behalf of the state democratic ticket. All members of the house are to be chosen with the state officers. Promise of an active, vigorous campaign on the part of the Democrats has not materialized, and there are no signs that even an ordinary amount of interest is to be taken. On the other hand, the Republicans are sending out their men and are attacking the opposition.

As the Journal says, one month is a short time for a statewide campaign, and unless the candidates and the public men of the state take a hand, the campaign will drag. Lack of interest and less than half the democratic vote cast in the primary will be polled. In no section of the state is there a sign of real political activity on the part of the Democrats. They are satisfied with conditions as they exist.

Many and momentous questions are to come to the people of the state for decision at the polls next year. The time is growing short for the men of the state to qualify. Poll taxes must be paid prior to December of this year. Qualifications for the first general election—in June—permits a voter to participate in the primary or primaries that will be held.

CASE OF LA FOLLETTE.

The decision of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate the charges of disloyalty against Senator La Follette will be generally commended as wise and patriotic. The demand from all over the country for this course was too strong and too insistent to be ignored. Whether the Wisconsin Senator has been disloyal at heart or not, he has been actually aiding the enemies of the United States as is charged by the Baltimore Sun. It was high time that he and all others like him should receive solemn warning that public sentiment will no longer permit such an attitude to be ignored.

We may be sure that the report of the committee to the Senate in December will no the made of white-wash. The people of the United States are dreadfully in earnest in this matter, and any attempt to minimize the gravity of La Follette's course would arouse a nation-wide storm of protest. Let him have full justice, but nothing more; but let not false consideration for him work injustice to his country. The expulsion of La Follette from the Senate would greatly grieve the Kaiser.

INEXPENSIVE CAMPAIGNS.

Charles E. Jeffries, who obtained the Democratic nomination for County Controller at the primary election recently in Altoona, Pa., filed an unusual expense account. In a letter to the Prothonotary, he said: "To secure 2336 votes and the Democratic nomination for County Controller in Blair county cost me just 25 cents."

The above brings to mind an incident in the life of John Elwes, a millionaire brewer of London, who had a natural aversion to spending a penny for his personal comfort. Although basking in wealth, lived as frugally as Diogenes. During Mr. Elwes's life a deadlock occurred in one of the districts of England, and it was necessary to look around for a compromise candidate for the House of Commons. The South-walk brewer was suggested, and a committee was sent to interview him. Mr. Elwes told the committee they could use his name for a seat in the House of Commons upon one condition—he must not be called upon to

spend any money in order to be elected. While the committee was disappointed, knowing him to be a millionaire, they finally accepted his terms. After the campaign had proceeded for a time, Mr. Elwes found it necessary to take dinner at a public house in the district in order that the voters might see him. This cost him a shilling (twenty-four cents). He was elected and it was shown that the shilling represented all he had spent in the campaign. Men have been known to spend as much as fifty thousand dollars in order to be elected to seat in the House of Commons, a complimentary position, as the members serve without pay.

AIR REPRISALS.

(Baltimore American.)

No conceivable reason, aside from brutality, can be advanced for the idiotic and criminal air raids of the Germans upon unfortified English cities and towns, except a hope thereby to keep the English busy building air ships for their own protection and thereby lessening the number available for the fronts. If this is the reason, it shows characteristic inability of the German military mind to function accurately.

Reprisals are now demanded and will be entered upon. France is already giving it tit for tat in a manner that has brought home to the German civilians the horrors of apprehension as well as the horrors of suffering from these sources. England and her Allies are now equipped to carry on air raids upon German cities in great numbers. And the Germans having imposed this necessity upon them, the raids will be frequent and as Lloyd George says, with compound interest. This will awaken deep resentment among the peoples of South Germany, especially, who are already upon the brink of revolt from Prussia and Prussianism, as they will understand that the acts are in reprisal for the infamies perpetrated through many months by the promoters of air raids upon England. Germany has launched yet another fatal boomerang.

WOULD ALTAR MAP.

Roosevelt Demands The Dissolution of Austria and of Turkey. New York, Oct. 6.—Theodore Roosevelt, speaking here last night at a "National Service" mass-meeting under the auspices of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, declared the only peace which will make the world safe for democracy must be based upon the complete overthrow of Germany and the dissolution of Austria and Turkey. Included in the program he outlined were a free Arabia and Armenia, Poland and Lithuania, with an independent Czech commonwealth and a Jugoslav state.

"Continually we hear rumors of peace," he said. "I think the circulation of such rumors is injurious to America and to the cause of decency and democracy. We should make it clearly understood that the conduct of Germany has been such that we regard as enemies of mankind all people who would strive to bring about a peace based upon treating German, Austria and Turkey on the one hand, and the Allies on the other, as standing on a footing of equality. The only peace that will make the world safe for democracy is a peace based upon the complete overthrow of Germany and the dissolution of Austria and Turkey."

VOTED \$21,390,730.910.

Congress Has Broken all World Records for Appropriations. Washington, Oct. 6.—The sum of \$21,390,730.910, of which approximately \$13,000,000,000 is to be used to put America on an efficient war footing, has been appropriated and authorized in contracts by Congress for the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918, according to a statement issued yesterday by Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Of this, more than \$21,000,000,000 the sum of \$7,000,000,000 is to be loaned to America's allies, and approximately \$1,000,000,000 is for normal Governmental expenses.

Senator Martin also gave out a statement reviewing the work of the first war session of Congress and sharply denounced those who have charged the Senate and House with being "laggards and slackers" and not standing for a vigorous policy. He said such criticism shows a lack of appreciation and knowledge of the enormous amount of work which the two houses of Congress have performed.

WANT SINGLE MEN.

New York Exemption Boards Send Recommendations to President and Other High Officials. New York, Oct. 6.—Recommendations

that the liability of married men subject to military service by conscription be postponed until all available unmarried men shall have been called into service are made in a list of suggestions for the improvement of the administration of the draft act prepared here by a number of local board members, addressed to the President, the Governor, the Provost Marshal General and State Adjutant General.

Drafting of married men, while single men without dependents are not called, results, the recommendations say, in "much intense public dissatisfaction and resentment, which, as the number of such cases increases must more and more seriously impair public confidence in the whole principle of conscription and to that extent the successful conduct of the war."

"Of course, our recommendation is not intended to apply to registrants whose marriages were contracted with a view to evade conscription," the document adds.

GERMAN PASTOR INDICTED

Rev. John Reichert Accused of Treasonable Utterances.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 6.—The Federal Grand Jury yesterday returned an indictment against the Rev. John Reichert, pastor of the German Lutheran Church at Lowden, Iowa, charging him with treasonable utterances. Ernest Mier, also of Lowden, was indicted on the same charge.

Charles Louwerse, who confessed he wrote a threatening letter to Col. W. G. Downs, member of the State Council of Defense, was sentenced to three years in Leavenworth penitentiary for misuse of the mails.

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